

Radio Talk Deals With Catholics In Social Work

Need Of Energy In Matters Other Than The Defense Of Faith Pointed Out In Lecture Broadcast From Paulist Radio Station

New York, May 10.—Establishment among Catholic bodies of various localities of committees to determine upon the work such organizations are to do in social service for their country—

"These are confusing years we live in now," the speaker began. "We fought a war with high idealism. It was a war to end war and establish peace. Yet we know that the peace we made is not a just peace, that it does not make smooth the road to end war and that the world is not safe. Promises, made then, have been broken. Idealism has been thrown down and broken to bits. Unselfish service, poured out in love of the lasting welfare of mankind, has been ridiculed by the events that followed the war. All this makes persons cynical and hopeless. They fall back upon selfishness."

The speaker then touched upon Prohibition and developments, under it, of the crime wave, and the divorce evil. These things, he continued, would not bother us if we were pagans, but "we are ingrained Christians."

"If our Church is attacked, if our right to practice religion is threatened, then we will, of course, fight," he said. "We will always be ready to fight against any and every proposal that seems to strike at any of our primary rights and duties as Catholics. This is an admirable quality, but it is only a beginning."

Dreary Round Of Nothings. "We all know Catholic organizations that take on electric vitality when any damage is inflicted or is threatened to the Church. They are defenders of the Faith when the Church is in difficulties. The rest of the time, they subside into a dreary round of pretty nothings or they spend their energies, time and money upon furnishing entertainment to their members."

"They act as if there was nothing for a Catholic organization to do beyond fighting for the Church when it is persecuted or threatened, keep up meetings between times and put on an occasional dance or card party."

The speaker called attention to the fact that although Catholics are too few to correct the social evils of the day of themselves, they always have found adherents, among others when they stated their principles. He then asked how many had read the Pastoral Letter of the American Hierarchy issued six years ago and which can be purchased for 10 cents.

"No wonder life seems confused and dark," the speaker went on. "You who are the light of the world shed little light. You think that the Church speaks to you only of the dogmas of the Faith, certain fundamental and basic rules of personal morality and the duty of defending the Church and Catholic education. This is but the beginning."

Need Of Social Study.

"I wish to make a suggestion. It is not new and original. The suggestion is this: Let the Catholic organizations of each city and section band together. Let them form groups among their number—committees, let us say, or clubs. Let each particular organization, or parish, where it can, form a club or committee to study some particular subject or group of subjects within the range of a Catholic's work in society at large. The chief reason why Catholic organizations and Catholics as individuals are confused is because they do not know what the Catholic point of view is. When these committees or clubs have learned the Catholic view, when, indeed, they have the principles well in mind, you would see such a rejuvenation of Catholic organizations, you would see such an able and intelligent and energetic public spirit that those great dangers which now hang over us would be almost entirely scattered and put to flight."

"The need of the day is for Catholics to study thoroughly the problem of American life in the light of the social teachings of the Church. This will go farther toward solving our problems than anything else that can now be done."

Franciscan Educators To Meet July 2 to 4

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.) Washington, May 14.—The eighth annual meeting of the Franciscan Educational Conference will be held at Mt. St. Francis College, Floyd Knobs, Indiana, July 2, 3, and 4, the Rev. Felix M. Kirsch, O. M. Cap., Secretary, has announced. It will follow immediately the twenty-third annual meeting of the Catholic Educational Association to be held at Louisville, Ky., June 23, to July 1.

Archbishop Glennon Given Decoration Of Iron Crown Of Italy

St. Louis, Mo., May 12.—Most Rev. Archbishop Glennon on Friday received at his residence, 4510 Lindell Boulevard, a surprise visit from Paolo Giusti, the Italian Consul in St. Louis, who presented His Grace with the decoration of the Iron Crown of Italy in the name of Premier Mussolini. With the insignia of the Iron Crown Mr. Giusti delivered a personal letter from Signor Mussolini to the Archbishop giving expression to the appreciation of the Premier for the evidences of sympathy for himself shown in certain utterances of Archbishop Glennon.

The Iron Crown was received at the Consul's office on May 4 and was followed on May 7 by a letter of explanation signed by Mussolini. The presentation was made at 9 o'clock that evening, in the presence of a small number of witnesses, including the following: the Rev. C. Spigardi, pastor of the Church of St. Charles Borromeo, this city, and Messrs. Lumagli and G. Giuseffi. The presentation, which was entirely unexpected by His Grace, was graciously acknowledged and he signified his intention of sending a letter of thanks to Premier Mussolini at once.

Conferring of the Iron Crown is something of an extraordinary distinction, at least for Americans, as Archbishop Glennon is the third to receive it, the others being Cardinal Mundelein and Archbishop Hanna of San Francisco. It is said to be the highest honor the Italian government can bestow upon an individual.

Signor Mussolini heard of the kind things said of him by Archbishop Glennon when clippings of newspaper reports were sent of his public addresses. When the Archbishop returned from Rome last year, for example, he spoke at a meeting of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce and referred to Mussolini as a person who was "stalwart, equitable, strong-minded, keen and energetic."

"Mussolini? He is now Italy," said His Grace. "He is a benevolent dictator and is controlling the destinies of Italy. He seems to make few mistakes."

Archbishop Glennon said at that time he had long been interested in the Iron Crown, which was worn by kings about the year 500 A. D. When visiting Rome twenty-five years ago, he made a pilgrimage to Monza, near Milan, to see the original Iron Crown, which with other historical relics is kept there. Legend, it is said, has it that the Iron Crown was moulded from one of the nails used to fasten our Lord to the Cross. After the battle of Marengo in 1803 the Crown fell into the hands of Napoleon I. It is stated, with other war booty.

Malines Welcomes Cardinal Mercier's Successor To See

(By Rev. J. Van der Heyden, Louvain Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Louvain, May 8.—Monsignor Joseph Ernest Van Roey, Cardinal Mercier's successor, consecrated by His Excellency Monsignor Micara, the Apostolic Nuncio, April 25, was officially welcomed to his see city of Malines last Sunday.

The comments of the Belgian press upon the new Archbishop are fairly well reflected in the following from the "XXe Siecle," the Brussels daily particularly dear to the late Cardinal.

"From the hands of the Pope's own representative he will receive the uncion that makes kings and pontiffs; he will be consecrated king of souls and of doctrine, pontiff generator of priests; he will ascend the metropolitan and primate seat of Malines made illustrious by Cardinal Mercier; he will be encircled with the mitre and will be given the pastoral sceptre. Who? "The humble son of the Campines, nurtured under a beloved mother's wings, trained by a pious and learned masters, grown like Samuel in the shadow of the Holy Place, developed like the tree which is planted beside the running waters, to bear at the appointed time the ripe fruit of learning. "They say of him that he is wrapped in modesty. Be it so; it will not prevent him from astounding the world by the firmness of his will. "Ascend your throne, Monsignor Joseph Ernest Van Roey, till the cardinal red fully justifies your name; ascend it in the radiance of virtue and of science, surrounded by the universal confidence of the clergy and of the faithful. Belgium acclaims you!"

Presented With Trip To Chicago Congress

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.) Dublin, May 10.—A first-class return ticket to Chicago, to attend the Eucharistic Congress, was the presentation made by Cahroulle (Kerry) branch, Irish National Teachers' Organization, to Mr. Thomas B. Morley, ex-N. T., who has completed 44 years' service as secretary of the branch, which is a record for any similar official in Ireland.

Catholic Relief Bill In England Is Making Progress

London, May 10.—"The Roman Relief Bill" made further progress this week. It was considered on two days by the Standing Committee of the House of Commons, and is now ordered to be reported to the House. This means that it will go to a select committee and its further fate depends upon whether or not the government gives facilities for its third and final meeting.

Sir Henry Slesser moved an amendment designed to remove a further disability—the exclusion of Catholics from the Lord Chancellorship of England.

Mr. Dennis Herbert, the author of the Relief Bill, said he understood the government had referred the bill to a cabinet committee. He was fairly certain that if the proposed clause were not inserted the government would offer no opposition to the measure but would do their best to secure its passage. He suggested that the amendment should be withdrawn on the understanding that it would be re-introduced on the report stage if that course were considered available.

The amendment was accordingly withdrawn and the bill was ordered to be reported to the House.

Cardinal Rebukes Writers Of Realism Before Actors' Guild

New York, May 11.—Authors who write drama and fiction with unbridled realism were rebuked by His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes in an address to 1,500 guests at the annual luncheon of the Catholic Actors' Guild held yesterday at the Hotel Astor. Cardinal Hayes declared that such authors are holding up false ideas of life to the youth of the country.

His Eminence attended the luncheon as guest of honor wearing the red cape and hat symbolic of his office. He entered with a uniformed escort. Wilton Lackaye, Vice-President of the Guild and toastmaster, sat on the Cardinal's left while Pedro de Cordoba sat on his right and Thomas Meighan, the motion picture actor, was not far away.

To illustrate the evils of unrestrained gloom and bitterness in the drama, Cardinal Hayes read a passage written by the late William Winter, dramatic critic. "That," he said, "is what we get from this realism of the hour, which tries to portray to the public life in its errancy, in its failures here and there. It portrays on the one side all the sordidness and despair, but never for a moment presents the other side of the picture, which is that into that very mire, mud and dirt the Lord Himself, the Savior of mankind, is ready to walk to lay the hand of benediction on the miserable things of life."

Mayor Walker's expressed desire for a "clean, wholesome stage in New York," was praised by His Eminence. He was delighted with the Mayor's stand, he said, adding that "it puts a blot of shame on our city to think that for a moment un-fits plays can be tolerated."

"We need more of a padlock on that type of play and institution than we do on other things to which padlocks have been applied," the Cardinal continued. "Faith, hope and charity have been pushed in such plays, just to pander to the lowest instincts of human nature. And what grieves me most is that many actors and actresses with genuine talent are willing to play such parts on our stages today."

His Eminence paid a warm tribute to the members of the Catholic Actors' Guild, saying that it is impossible for the stage to go wrong with such actors and actresses belonging to the profession. He said it was his wish that they could influence playwrights to write only clean and uplifting plays.

Will H. Hays, former Postmaster General and a leading figure in the motion picture industry, declared that Cardinal Hayes' work in organizing the Catholic Charities has helped to stamp him as one of the great men of the age.

Other speakers were Surrogate John P. O'Brien, the Rev. Martin E. Fahy, Chaplain of the Guild; Otis Skinner and Assistant Corporation Counsel Arthur J. W. Hilly, who represented Mayor Walker.

Isaac Butt's Daughter Dies. Dublin, May 10.—Miss Rosa Butt, last surviving daughter of the late Isaac Butt, the predecessor of Parnell as leader of the Irish Nationalist party in the British House of Commons, died recently at Battersea, England, at the age of 88 years.

St. Louis Catholic Women To Charter Train For Congress

St. Louis, Mo., May 12.—At a meeting of the officials of the St. Louis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, held on Friday, it was decided and announced that the Council would organize and sponsor a pilgrimage to the Eucharistic Congress in Chicago next month. All details have not been worked out, but it is decided that a special train will be engaged and headquarters secured at a leading Chicago hotel.

V. Rev. W.P. Barr, C.M. Western Provincial Of The Vincentians

St. Louis, Mo., May 12.—It is announced by Very Rev. M. S. Ryan, C. M., president of Kenrick Seminary that he will be prevented by ill health from accepting the appointment of Provincial of the Vincentian Fathers which was recently made by the Superior General in Paris. Father Ryan spent some weeks at Mul-lanphy Hospital in this city and has since been recuperating at Milwaukee. He will return and continue his work at the Seminary, but has declined the office of provincial, as he feels himself unequal to its requirements.

It is now announced that Very Rev. William P. Barr, C. M., has been appointed provincial. He is at present president of St. Thomas' Seminary at Denver and was a member of the Kenrick Seminary faculty from 1915 to 1920. Dr. Barr was born in New Orleans and at the age of 15 entered the Vincentian Order, making his studies at St. Mary's Seminary and Novitiate at Perryville, Mo., which is the motherhouse in America, and here he will have his headquarters as provincial of the western province. He was ordained in Rome, where he continued his studies and in 1905 received the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

In the Western province of the congregation, which is divided from the eastern province by a line running from New Orleans to Chicago, there are at this time 146 priests, 37 scholastics, 29 novices, 6 lay brothers and 75 candidates in the preparatory seminary at Perryville.

Balboa Community House To Aid Nuns In Work At The Jail

Balboa, C. Z., April 26.—Officers and members of the National Catholic Community House, here, have pledged their support and cooperation to the Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul, who have been invited by the Government of Panama to take charge of the domestic phase of the work in the new jail with quarters in the structure. Under the invitation the nuns will take over the kitchen, the laundry and other establishments in the jail and have supervision over the women inmates if they are moved into the new structure.

There is some opposition to this plan, particularly to the provision for the transfer of the women from their present quarters where conditions are sordid. However, through the influence of Mme. Rudolpho Chari, wife of the President of Panama and a practical Catholic, the invitation was extended to the Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul, who are the oldest established order in Panama and who educated the President's wife.

The Catholic Community House has informed the nuns that they may count upon the personal services and support of its members if they take over the project. Already, in this connection, a class in English has been established for male prisoners and the establishment of occupational courses and recreational facilities for both men and women is being studied.

The House's activity is exemplified by the interest it has taken in various important occurrences of the past few months. When Cardinal O'Connell arrived at the Isthmus, the House had planned a reception and exhibit for him. But, when he did not land, it took occasion to display his works to one of his party who said that he would call His Eminence's attention to the project. Then the institution arranged a reception to Mme. Chari, who had expressed the wish that she might thank the Catholic Daughters of America for their generosity to the orphans during the holiday season. It has also seen the successful establishment of the "Chomarc Club," an association of young married people who desire select dances, and took part in the entertainment of the American Fleet during its visit here.

Marquette League Has Banner Year

Chicago, May 14.—The Marquette League for Indian Missions has just experienced its banner year, the Rev. William J. Flynn, Secretary General of the League, announced here.

The treasurer's report, he said, showed the annual meeting of the League's director that there was an increase of \$20,000 in receipts last year.

Oblates Purchase Big Hudson Valley Estate

Cornwall, N. Y., May 14.—The Oblate Fathers, whose provincial headquarters are at Lowell, Massachusetts, have just purchased the estate of the late Frank Burton, New York millionaire, one of the show places in Hudson River Valley, not far from West Point. The property includes a 40-room mansion, four cottages, a large greenhouse, a stable and a large garage all surrounded by 107 acres of land. The property was said to have been held at \$200,000. It was said that the Oblate Fathers will establish a House of Philosophy on the property.

Catholic Union Aids Seminary At Lille

New York, May 12.—Word has just been received at the office of the Catholic Union, that the secretary of the Dominican Vicar-General was recently received in special audience by the Holy Father. On this occasion the work of the Catholic Union in assisting the Seminary of St. Basil at Lille, France, was brought up. The Holy Father expressed himself as intensely interested in the work of the Catholic Union, especially in its efforts in behalf of this Seminary to which His Holiness has himself contributed generously.

The Catholic Union has pledged itself to give a certain sum of money this year scholarships for three students there. These young men are Russians who are anxious to towards the maintenance of this seminary, as well as to supply labor among their own people in the apostolate of unity. Until such time as there is possibility of direct missionary work in Russia, it is the plan to have them work among Russian refugees in Western Europe.

The connection between the Catholic Union and the Dominicans is very close, as last year, the Vicar-General wrote to the Provincials of the United States commending its work, and they have rendered great assistance to its president, Rev. Augustine Galen, O. S. B.

It is officially reported by the Vicar-General's secretary that the Holy Father's own Russian Seminary in Rome will not be opened for two years on account of necessary building. He also reports that the Holy Father, in the audience said he "wished quality among the students preparing for work in Russia and the East, rather than quantity."

Many Officials pay Honor To Dead Pastor Of Jersey City Church

New York, May 12.—The Rev. John Weyland, rector of St. Nicholas' Church, Jersey City, and one of the best known and most popular priests in New Jersey, died here of pneumonia at the parish house at the age of seventy-three. From Friday morning Father Weyland's body lay in state in the church, with an honor guard composed of representatives from the various church societies. On Monday solemn High Requiem Mass was attended by more than 4,000 persons, including Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City and a number of city and State officials. The Right Rev. John J. O'Connor, Bishop of the Newark Diocese, pontificated at the Mass. The eulogy was delivered in English and German by the Rev. John Huelsebusch.

Had Father Weyland lived he would have celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination next August. Born in Luxembourg, Germany, he entered the priesthood there and remained there for ten years before answering the appeals of German Catholics to take charge of a congregation in Jersey City.

From the time of his death until his burial in Holy Name Cemetery, Jersey City, the parochial schools were closed.

Centenary Of Bishop Of England's Penal Days To Be Observed

London, May 10.—Cardinal Bourne, the Archbishop of Birmingham and four other bishops are to take part in the celebration of the centenary of the death of Bishop Milner, at St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, on May 19. Bishop Milner's vestments will be on view during the day.

Bishop Milner was Vicar Apostolic of the Midland District in the penal days. English Catholics link his name with O'Connell's as their emancipator.

When Milner became a priest it is estimated that there were only 60,000 Catholics throughout England. His own flock in the midlands consisted of 15,000 persons spread over fifteen countries.

Wembly's Organist's Father Dies In London

London, May 10.—Solomon Joseph Orlando who died here this week on the anniversary of his wedding was the father of the Indian girl who played the organ for the services at Wembly Oratory last year. Many American visitors to the Oratory stopped and spoke to the girl and will sympathize with her in her loss.

Foreigners' Bulletin Published In Paris

Paris, May 10.—The first number of a new bulletin devoted to the interests of immigrants and entitled "The Catholic Foreigner in France" has just appeared here. It is published under the patronage of Bishop Chapud, bishop of foreigners and its purpose is to disseminate useful information concerning the religious life of Catholic immigrants: Belgians, Italians, Spaniards, Poles, etc. This information will be very useful to directors of organizations, welfare workers, factory heads, farmers, etc. and will help them to improve the living conditions of the best elements among immigrants.

Diocese Of Brooklyn Wins Fight Against Removal Of Bodies

New York, May 14.—The New York State Court of Appeals has upheld the right of the Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn to prevent a widow from removing the body of her husband from a Catholic cemetery to a non-Catholic burial place, in the case of Anna Yome against the Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn and its superintendent of cemeteries, in a decision handed down by Judge Benjamin N. Cardozo, Association Justice of the Court.

Mrs. Yome obtained an injunction restraining the diocese from preventing the removal of the bodies of her husband, John D. Yome, their two children, her mother and brother from consecrated ground in Holy Cross cemetery for reburial in Greenwood cemetery. This order was upheld by the appellate division, second department.

The Court of Appeals, however, reverses this injunction order, in an opinion written by Judge Cardozo.

Mrs. Yome alleged that although she and her husband were born Catholics, they did not attend the Catholic Church. Before Yome's death, however, the last rites of the Church were administered by a priest.

Officials of the Diocese of Brooklyn refused permission for the removal of the bodies on the ground that only public necessity is sufficient cause for violating the laws of the Church and that sentimental family reasons could not control.

Ozanam Institute Joins Conference Of Industrial Problems

Milwaukee, Wis., May 15.—The Ozanam Institute of Social Study, formed here a year ago under the auspices of the Milwaukee Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, observed its first anniversary this week and at the same time announced that it has affiliated with the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems, national body organized by the Social Action Department of the N. C. W. C. The Institute has the distinction of being the first organization to affiliate with the Conference, members in that body being heretofore individual only.

The Ozanam Institute was formed to promote the study and more intelligent understanding of the problems of poverty. Each member makes an intensive study of one social problem throughout the year, reads a paper on it and leads the discussion at one meeting. All members are priests, and there has been an average attendance of twelve at the meetings. Rev. Dr. Francis J. Haas, a member of the faculty of St. Francis Seminary, is director.

Some of the subject now being studied by members are: Marriage and Divorce, Care of the Deaf Mute, Contraceptives, Unemployment, Population Problems, Child Labor Permits, Industrial Accidents, Vocational Training, Child Delinquency, Standards of Living, Child Dependency, Old Age Dependents, Women Wage Earners, and Mothers in Industry.

Dr. George Derry of the faculty of Marquette University addressed the Institute on its anniversary.

Jersey City Pastor Victim Of Hemorrhage

Jersey City, May 13.—The Rev. William P. Brennan, pastor of Our Lady of Victories Church, died late Tuesday night at St. Frances' Hospital, here, of cerebral hemorrhage. Father Brennan, who was 48 years old, died on the eve of the 75th birthday of his mother, Mrs. Anna Brennan of Orange, New Jersey.

Father Brennan was born in Orange, March 4, 1878. He was ordained in September, 1904, and was successively curate at St. John's Church, this city, assistant to Magr. Whalen at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Newark, and pastor of St. Bridget's Church, North Bergen. He assumed his last pastorate here in June, 1924.

One of Father Brennan's two surviving brothers is Judge Daniel P. Brennan of the Essex County Juvenile Court, and one of his three sisters is Sister M. Thecla, Mother Superior of the Convent of the Blessed Sacrament.

Orders Expelling Dean Peacock From Mexico Suspended

Mexico City, May 10.—Orders issued by the Mexican Government expelling Dean Peacock, reported last week in the N. C. W. C. News Service as officiating in Christ Church Cathedral, a Protestant Episcopal church here, have been suspended at the request of the British Minister, Esmond Envoys, until the government can study the question. Dean Peacock is a British subject. Services in Christ Church Cathedral could not be held last Sunday due to the government order which declared that the Dean, being a foreigner, was violating the Mexican Constitution by exercising his ministry.

As a basis for a settlement, the British Minister has asked that each foreign colony be permitted to have one minister of its own nationality, since it would not be suitable to have Mexican ministers for foreigners.